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us to focus on being with you right now and resting in your leadership. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Carrie-Lee Farnham

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE READING: Beverly Alexis

Old Testament: Proverbs 8:22-31 (NIV)

The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water; before
the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was
given birth, before he made the world or its fields or any of
the dust of the earth. I was there when he set the heavens in
place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the
deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed
securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its
boundary so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day
after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his
whole world and delighting in mankind.
*This is the Word of God, for the people of God; **People:***
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2214 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

SERMON *Playing on Purpose* Alison Johnson

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OFFERING *(please place offering envelope in basket or text: "dollar amount you wish to give" to 908-224-7670)*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Variation on Guide Me Lord

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*

UMH #94 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*

UMH #261 Lord of the Dance

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Recessional in F Major*

Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Bob Zotti, Norma, recovering from a broken hip, the family and friends of Anthony J. "Tony" Gianonne, Sr., Jane McKinley, the Quashie Family on the 10th anniversary of Sam's passing, Steve Ward, Neil Johnson, the friends and family of Dick Keating, Anne and John R., Scott and Vincent, Jerrie Bunell, Robert Curtis.

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, July 21st:

9:00am-10:00am Instrumental
10:00am-10:30am Summer Choir
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, July 22nd:

7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, July 23rd:

9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
10:00am-4:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
5:30pm-8:45pm CPR (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, July 24th:

9:00am-1:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)

Friday, July 26th:

9:30am-11:30 am Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, July 27th:

12:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)



Please note: Pastor Laura will be away July 15th-22nd. If you need pastoral care please contact Lay Leader Beverly Alexis at: (917) 941-9939. If you have a pastoral emergency (death, major accident, major injury) call the church office at: (908) 277-1700.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Annual Back to School Drive June 5th – August 21st, 2024

Each year, thousands of New Jersey children attend their first day of school without basic educational tools

such as backpacks, notebooks, and calculators. These under-resourced children struggle to succeed academically. The UMC of Summit in partnership with Jersey Cares works with dozens of schools, children's shelters, and community centers with the goal that no children in New Jersey will have to experience a first day of school without these basic necessities. With your help we can bridge the gap between disadvantage and academic success. Items ACCEPTED for the School Supply Drive include: Backpacks (may be new OR gently used) NEW 1, 3, and 5 Subject Notebooks, NEW Composition Notebooks, NEW 2-Pocket Folders, NEW Pencil Cases, NEW #2 Pencils, NEW Pencil Sharpeners, NEW Erasers, NEW Pens, NEW Hi-lighters, NEW Crayons, Washable Markers, and Colored Pencils, NEW Book Covers, NEW Calculators, NEW Child Safety Scissors, NEW Glue, NEW Rulers (12"), NEW Laptops or Tablets, NEW Headphones, Visa or Amazon Gift Cards. Items can be dropped off to the church office Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM, or dropped off in the bins in the sanctuary Sunday mornings before or after worship.

Homecoming Sunday Open House 9/22/24

Join us September 22nd, as we kick-off the church year with our Homecoming worship service at 10:30AM and a church-wide Open House from 1pm-3pm: Food, Fun, Games





Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED!

The Hospitality Team is in need of volunteers to help host Coffee Hour each Sunday. All you have to do is bring some refreshments for folks to share and we'll do the heavy lifting! There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. For more information or if you have any questions, please see Debbi Picorale



Children, Youth, Families

Please note Sunday School and Drama Club are on break until Homecoming Sunday on September 22. Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



The Summit Area GreenFaith Circle is encouraging communities of faith to support passage of the Green Amendment (SCR43/ ACR119) which

would amend New Jersey's constitution to provide that every person in the state has a constitutional right to a clean environment including the right to clean air, pure water and healthy habitats. The Summit Area GreenFaith Circle has produced postcards which you can sign to support this very important amendment. Postcards are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to help with this initiative, please sign a postcard and leave it in the church office. The signed postcards will be mailed on your behalf. Please see Green Team Chairperson Bill Glancy if you have any questions.

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